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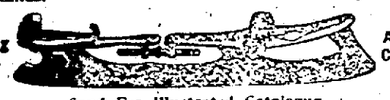

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Mistress of the Foundry.

By EARL JOSLYN.

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CHAPTER I.

"Pour off!"

The molder waited a moment by his crucible of glowing, molten metal. Then in a loud deep voice he cried again:

"Pour off!"

Don, the foreman of the foundry, irated with impatience to three young fellows who were sorting metal chips out of a barrel of foundry sweepings, and who were all smoking clay pipes. "Pat, Jack and Mike, when you hear a molder call 'pour off,' you get to him lively," he said shortly.

The foreman's eyes sparkled ominously as he watched the trio hustling over copper ingots and piles of zinc, dodging now and then stacks of flasks. "Shut the window there, Mike. You'll bust your cylinder," he roared.

"Water," called the molder.

"Here, you, Pat, why don't you have the watering pot always full? The flask boards will burn to cinders while you're fetching it. You're a dandy!" The foreman turned away disgusted.

The metal was poured into the small holes prepared for it. Tongues of beautifully colored flame darted from the beds of sand, and the smoke, full of ashy flakes, rose in billows. Bang! There was an explosion louder than usual. The molder and his helper laughed. They always liked to hear a good round report. "That will be a fine cylinder ring," said Don. "Now go help the core boys; they are crowded. And look alive," he added, glancing sharply at the three.

"And what did you hear at the mission the night, Mike McCoy?" asked Luke Reardon of his benchmate.

"The mission, Luke? Father Gogarty's after askin where the likes of you been," responded Mike. "'Luke's a hard one,' says Father Gogarty. 'He's traveled many a mile hanging on under a freight car, and he's niver a bit consarned for his sowl that'll go to purgatory some day by way of a header,' says Father Gogarty."

"How much are your wages a week, Donoghue?"

"Come off now," laughed Luke. "Father Gogarty niver said that. But what did ye hear at mission, I ask ye, Mike McCoy?"

"Ah, Ohio, Luke, the father kept saying, 'Stand up, now.' Be the time I was well up he said, 'Sit down, now.' It bein a new service, Father Gogarty had hard work to kape us movin. He gave up a dressin down at the end. 'You're in your sates stay and comfortable,' he says, 'when ye should be on your knees. Kape watch on me,' says he, 'and when I jumpythet then you jine me, lively.' Then missions is pious work, Luke."

At 10 minutes to 6 the men were washing up. "Going to the union tonight, Timmy?" asked Tom Mahanney.

"Dade that I am, Tom. We'll spoil Mowry. He won't hire union men to work for him, and we'll see that his pots are dashpoted. Did ye know that the big casting that he sint to Dinver was brittle as glass? I know the man that made it; 'That'll bust suddint on you, Mowry,' says my friend when he poured it. 'You needn't be so high and mighty with us brotherhood fellows. You'll come down a peg,' says he."

"Hist, hist, Timmy. There's the missis."

A lady dressed in plain black stood in the smoky foundry. She was perhaps 35 years old, but she was still extremely garish in figure and face. She was speaking with Don. "Good night, Mr. Donoghue," she said when she had finished talking and then stepped lightly along, bowing courteously to the men as she passed them.

"I does hate to have the missis see me when my shirt's all open and I'm as red as a gobbler," said young Dan Doyle.

"Red, are you, Dan?" mocked Luke. "You're the greenest Irishman that ever stood on ten toes."

"Tin, is it, Luke? Dan stands on nine iver since the bottom of Paddy O'Shea's crucible fell out and slopped on Dan's feet," said Dennis Slavin, the oldest man in the foundry.

"The missis is polite to us jacks," said Dick Flanaghan in his shrill, squeaking voice. "That last hot day I was all of a lather and had been dustin my work with charcoal. The wind blew it in my face, and I looked like a striped devil. Don was off to a picnic. Up comes the missis smiling. I wanted to jump under me bench. 'Mr. Flanaghan,' says she, 'and will ye be having them hame bells ready to go on the last express the night?' 'Shure they're poured and cooling there,' says I, 'but you'll have to ask Mike if he'll be after tumbling them.' 'Thank you, Mr. Flanaghan,' says she. Anybody niver called me 'mister' before. She did me proud. She's the lady for ye."

"Ye're long winded, Dick," broke in Don. "Don't ye see I'm waiting to lock the door? Dump them grates, Pat. Must I tell ye every night to put the fires out?"

The men hurried out on the street and went clumsily homeward. Mrs. Sterns, the "missis," had gone toward High street to her house. Half an hour after her entrance she was seated at her dainty dinner table. She had changed her foundry dress for a delicate tea gown. A letter bearing an English postmark had been placed by her plate. An immense mastiff lay stretched out on a rug by her chair. He was always near his mistress when she was at home. Between the courses she read the letter.

"I am gone much longer, Kate, dear," her husband wrote, "than I expected to be. Some litigation has arisen about the patent and will keep me here several months longer. But after we win the case, as we shall, I can quickly negotiate the sale and return. The patent is more valuable than I thought and will greatly increase our wealth. Can you hold the men together? There are signs of renewed labor troubles."

Mrs. Sterns laid down the letter and mused. It was a hard task set her. The molders and polishers, from big Luke to little Joe, her office boy, were devoted to her. They would not trouble "the missis." But Parker, the bookkeeper, was hostile to her and resented her appointment as treasurer in her husband's absence. Parker was an untried man, the trusty old bookkeeper having died a year before Mr. Sterns' departure to England. Preston, too, the manager, was against her and friendly to Parker. Moreover, Parker was nephew to the wife of the president of the corporation, Edward Starkey. Starkey was not pleased with Sterns' lack of confidence in his relative as shown by the latter's choice of assistant treasurer. Sterns had signed Starkey's notes. To what extent Mrs. Sterns did not know. That way might lie ruin. She would do her best, she replied to her husband's letter, but she must know for what amount he was on Starkey's paper. "I am confident that Parker is dishonest," she continued, "though I cannot detect any fraud. But I am continually on the alert and shall unearth it if any exists."

The next morning at 9 Mrs. Sterns was at her desk. She opened the morning mail and passed the orders to Parker for entry, with the letters that must be answered. She receipted the bills that had been paid and placed the checks in the bankbook. Looking up just then, she saw Moore, the foreman of the polishing room, standing by her and waiting.

"I can't get them air chambers off today, Mrs. Sterns," he said. "Jim's out. He's sick with the copper dust. It busted his lungs, and they're bleeding. He'll be all right tomorrow. Nobody can do them so good as Jim."

"I'm sorry for Jim," answered Mrs. Sterns; "but, Moore, we must send the large air chamber today. It goes into a great ocean steamer that sails from New York Friday, and it will not get there a moment too soon."

"I'm doing that one," Moore said.

"Don't hurt your lungs, Mike."

"No, I look out for mesilf. I wears wet sponges," he said as he left the office.

The other foremen came for orders. They would not take them from Parker if they could avoid it nor report to him. Parker was unpopular with the men, chiefly on account of his curt way of speaking to them.

So the day went. Soon after 1 o'clock Parker returned from the bank with the money to pay off the men. Mrs. Sterns had previously signed a check, which he had cashed. He threw on the table before him the heavy bag of silver and bills, which he proceeded to count and place in the pay envelopes. While he was doing this Mrs. Sterns noticed a peculiar flutter of the eyelids. It occurred to her that she had been carefully excluded from the work of the pay roll. She turned her chair round to her desk and inwardly debated what course to pursue in order to get this business into her own hands in a way that would arouse no suspicion on Parker's part. She knew that she must be wary.

After Parker had finished paying off the men he was obliged to go out of the city on business for the company. Being hurried to catch the train, he inadvertently left the pay roll book out of his desk, which he carefully locked before leaving.

Shortly after he had gone Don came in to ask her to have some files ordered. When she had made a memorandum of the sizes and kinds, she inquired:

"How much are your wages a week, Donoghue?"

"Eighteen dollars, ma'am," he answered.

"Can you give me a list of all the men's wages per day, Don?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Will you keep dark, Donoghue?"

"Yes, ma'am, glad to."

"I depend on you, Donoghue," said Mrs. Sterns, looking keenly at the foreman.

"You're safe, ma'am," replied the foreman and respectfully touched his paper cap.

Mrs. Sterns put the pay roll book into her black satin handbag, and as she was leaving the foundry Don placed in her hand the daily wage list. Then she went homeward.

Kaiser was on the piano looking serious. It was the sw'ill gatherers' day, and he and the swill gatherers were at feud. Kaiser objected on principle to any one that removed so much as a feather from the yard. He brightened up as he saw his mistress approaching and marched majestically down the walk to greet her.

"Good fellow, Kaiser," she said lightly as the dog sprang joyfully up to her face. "Have you been kind to the pussies today?"

After dinner Mrs. Sterns compared the wage lists. Don reported himself as receiving $3 per day. Parker's record showed $3.75. According to Don's list, every employee received from 75 down to 20 cents a day less than Parker's book showed. On computation Mrs. Sterns found that Parker professed to pay out $200 weekly more than Don's list called for. She was astonished and frightened at her discovery. Her heart beat rapidly. That night she telegraphed the facts of the case to her husband and asked instructions. Reply came: "Use your judgment for present. Have written."

The next morning Parker was visibly disturbed and remarked:

"I cannot find my pay roll book, Mrs. Sterns."

"Where did you leave it, Parker?"

"In my desk, I thought. I went away in such a hurry that I may have left it outside."

"Can you remember, Parker?" continued Mrs. Sterns.

"No, I cannot," was the answer. "If I had entered on the ledger the amount of the pay roll, I would not mind the loss."

"How much have you in the safe? Cannot you tell by that, Parker?" Mrs. Sterns was looking directly at Parker's face as she put the last question.

"Yes, very nearly."

"How much have you?" pursued Mrs. Sterns.

"Fifty dollars," said Parker after a pause.

"Thirty-six of that came in this morning. Did you have $14 on hand?"

"Yes," replied Parker, "I did."

Mrs. Sterns said no more. What had he done with the $200 overplus? She had found that for six weeks he had falsified the pay roll.

Parker was very uneasy about the missing book. Perhaps he suspected what had become of it. At all events on the following pay day he made out a correct list of wages. When all was ready, Mrs. Sterns said:

"I will pay the men, Parker. I like to know them by name, and if I pay them I shall remember them."

Parker hesitated, but delivered up the envelopes with the best grace that he could muster.

When her husband's letter came Mrs. Sterns learned that he had signed Starkey's notes for $25,000, $10,000 of which was due in 30 days. "I have instructed my lawyer," the letter continued, "to secure me when the first note falls due and to manage as best he can on the second. Keep Parker with you until the notes are paid. Then arrest him. My lawyer will [illegible] my wishes and will act when the time comes for action."

CHAPTER II.

The strikes of that autumn will always be remembered by business men for their bitterness and long continuance. The brotherhoods of brass and iron workers were finally drawn into the strife. One evening shortly before 5 o'clock Mrs. Sterns saw six sooty faced fellows enter the office.

"We can't work any more, missis," said Luke, who had been appointed spokesman.

"Why, Luke, what is the trouble?" inquired Mrs. Sterns, considerably alarmed.

"Nothing that you can help, missis," said Luke. "Fact of the case is the union has ordered us to quit, and we must stop work tonight at 5. We was ordered out last Saturday, but Don said we must help you out by finishing up the big order for them blobs, so we got leave to stick by until now. I'm dumbed sorry to serve you so, especially when your man's gone, but we can't help it. We'll come back, every lad of us, as soon as the union let's us."

Dick Flanaghan thrust forward his long grimy arm and bent down toward the desk his dark, alert face. "We're smokers, missis," he said excitedly, "but don't ye be afraid. We'll never smike the likes of ye out, though we will some as lives near ye. If ye iver made a strong arm, there 'tis for ye."

"Shut up, Dick Flanaghan," interrupted Luke. "Ye wasn't ilicted Paddy first of this diligation." Then, turning to Mrs. Sterns, Luke continued: "Will ye kindly pay us our wages tomorrow? Yis? Ye're a lady. Don't ye be afraid of nothin."

The men shuffled awkwardly out of the office. Paddy O'Shea, who went last, slammed the door violently. A moment later he put his head in to say: "Beg pardon, missis. The door went togither aister nor I expected."

The workmen went slowly out of the foundry by twos and threes. Even Dave Collins, the clown of the foundry, wore for once a serious countenance and lingered until the last moment. He went over to his corner near the core oven and said, "Goodby, old bench, till I come again." Then he reluctantly went his way. Dave had often cursed his place as being the hottest in the foundry, but now he regarded it with affection.

Mrs. Sterns looked down the street after the receding figures of the men. It was two months before they returned to their work. In all that time not a foundry fire was lighted in the great city of Riverbank.

Meanwhile the contest between the workmen and their employers increased in violence, and now hunger began to press hard on the foundrymen's families. They always lived from hand to mouth, the tobacco and drink that the men consumed costing much more than the food of the women and children. But for days past one scanty meal was all that the women could provide from their less than scanty means, and it seemed impossible to procure that little for any considerable time longer. The men were becoming disheartened, as their employers persisted in refusing to accede to their demands.

Big Luke and Dou met on the street one afternoon while affairs were at this pass. Luke was loud mouthed against those whom he considered the oppressors of the poor. "It is tonight that—we have a bonfire, Don," said Luke. "Will ye be there? That old wharf rat, Mowry, is the one that holds out and kapes us fellers from gettin back to work. He ain't starvin, and his wife's got stacks of clothes in her drawers that Dan Doyle's mother saw when she cl'aned house there—more nor she could wear out in two lifetimes—and here we bees half naked. Look at my ragged pants! See my shoes! Old Mowry wears good ones on his divil's hoof. Why don't he share his money with us workingmen? We're the producers. His foundry belongs to us. We made the money that paid for it. Manufacturers ought to divvy up the profits that the men makes. We've got to scare them into it, Don. That's what we've got to do. They grind us poor men's faces till our noses are worn flat. Ye don't think as I do, Don, but it's God's truth that I'm after tellin ye."

"There's some truth in what ye're sayin, Luke," admitted Don.

"Truth? I'll tell ye more yet that's true, Don. I have tramped it, and ye know it. Why did I tramp? Because no man under heaven can stand foundry smoke long, and ye know it. When ye have your big melts of zinc, I'm just about crazy after breathing the smoke. Poor Bob McEvoy has been loony twice from the effects of zinc and is in the hospital now. If I didn't get out into the fields and breathe the fresh air, I'd be stark crazy too. Sleepin on the ground seems to take the pizen out of me. The smoke don't strike to every molder's head, but it does to mine, and I'd rather have it there than in my kidneys, as others does. And what does Mowry care for us poor divils? I've worked for him, and I knows him. The little corb boys asked him once for a raise of 10 cints a day. They was gettin 75 cints. Mowry discharged them on the spot. And that same week he bought his great hound and paid $1,000 for it. A thousand dollars, man, for a dog, but no 10 cints for a boy! That $1,000 would buy me a fine little shanty, and then I would marry Bridie Hamilton, the purty little girl, and settle down and be stiddy. D'ye know what Mowry's new house cost? Ninety thousand dollars he paid, and I haven't money to buy a pigsty! He wouldn't put in a blower to save his polisher's lungs because it cost too much."

"Says ain't right," said Don, who was listening with darkened face.

"They'll lose some of their fine things the night, though," said Luke sagely. "Goodby. I have business on hand. I'm goin to tell the 'Water Witch' to stay here." Tears rolled down [illegible] and Luke awkwardly tried to [illegible] her.

"I'll come back, Bridie, the [illegible] soon as I dare to, and don't ye [illegible] in. The cops will get me if I [illegible] Say," he continued as her [illegible] crested, "I'll send ye money [illegible] Fairlee, and we'll get married."

"Let me go with ye now, Luke," begged the girl piteously. "[illegible] garty will marry us [illegible] been called, and my [illegible] ready."

"Mine ain't," said Luke [illegible] "I've got nothin on but me [illegible] and me old pants, and it [illegible] me to ride in a car with ye. [illegible] lint, ye must wale."

"Oh," moaned the girl, "[illegible] I'll never see ye again, Luke [illegible] ly darlin. Do take me to Fa[illegible] ty. I've got $50 in my [illegible] earned dressmakin. I'll [illegible] car, and ye can ride [illegible] afraid to sit with me. We [illegible] 11 tonight. Ye will have [illegible] and put on yer good clothes. [illegible] won't know ye if ye go in a [illegible] let me go with ye, Luke, there's a dear."

"I've got a nice coat and [illegible] trunk in me room. If I had [illegible] pants, I'd go now," said [illegible] yielding. "But, Bridget, [illegible] wanted to give ye a handsome [illegible] I wanted jest for once to ride in the parlor car by your side. Ye have no idea how like a gintleman I look when I'm clane. I took a Turkish bath [illegible] went to the ball of the Union Brotherhood, and I came out white. Old Mowry with his club foot silver [illegible] so fine as mesilf then, and [illegible] purty face, and we would [illegible] looking couple. Yer as handsome as a picter, and yer the object of me affections, Bridget, me girl."

"Call me Bridie, Luke, dear. Bridget is so common."

"It was me cold mother's name," said Luke apologetically.

"Send that little fellar down for a hack, Luke," pleaded Bridie.

Finally after more entreaties Luke yielded, and the two went in a carriage through the dark streets to Father Gogarty's house. At half past 10 they reappeared in the station. Luke kept in the dark corners, and Bridie, emptying

Tears rolled down her [illegible] her satchel, entered the car. As the train pulled out, with Mrs. Bridie sitting in the parlor car and Luke hanging to its under side.

It was summer time again in Riverbank, and the windows and doors of Sterns' foundry were all wide open. Mrs. Sterns went in at the main entrance, nodded good morning to the men and went into the office, where she found her husband, a man royal in body and soul. Hearing the door open, he raised his head. "Ah, here comes the little mistress of the foundry," he said, smiling. "Take a seat. The money is ready for you to pay off the men. I suppose that you will never relinquish the pleasure of putting money into the men's hands. No wonder you are so popular with them."

When she came to Dick Flanaghan's bench and he had counted his pay, he nodded and said, "All right, missis." Then, taking his clay pipe from his mouth, he continued, "And have ye heard the news about Luke, ma'am?"

"No, indeed. What is it?" eagerly inquired Mrs. Sterns.

"Well, Luke went down to Pennsylvania to work in a coal mine. His name was Hugh Beverly down there. Luke he thought there was going to be a strike among the miners, and he never could kape out of a strike, [illegible] misfit. Luke was boss in the [illegible] last spring, and he carried on with. He wouldn't let the trains move, and [illegible] the governor sent down the [illegible] to smash the miners. Luke and a gang of men behind him met the train that was fetchin the sojers and pulled some down the bank and ditched the train. Then them sojers just cleaned out the strikers and shot a lot of them. Luke got a ball through his heart."

"Poor Luke," said Mrs. Sterns, with unaffected sorrow. "Poor misguided Luke!"

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THE new enlarged New York would contain an area of over 317 square miles and a population of 2,965, 792

H. C EVANS, Republican, has been elected governor of the state of Tenn, by a majority of 841 votes. Good for Kenny Clay's old home

THE Legislature of South Carolina have elected Governor Tillman to the United States Senate Hereafter he will not dispense the ardent spirits to his constituents.

MON. LESSEPS, the eminent French engineer and the builder of the Suez Canal and projector of the Isthmus Canal, died last Friday in Lachenals, France, at the age of 89 years.

SAMUEL C DICKEY, the bookkeeper who robbed the Shoe and Leather National Bank, of New York City of $254,000, was captured in Chicago last Monday, but claimed at first that his name was Frank J Dale and not Sleely.

REED and McKinley are trotting neck and neck for the Presidential sweep-stakes in 1896 The beauty of the race, however is that there are no hard feelings between the able gentlemen, each of them feeling that whichever is the lucky winner the other will stand a good chance to capture the race in 1900

ENGLAND has lately had a torpedo boat manufactured that for speed outranks any boat on the water The name of the vessel is the Ardent, 200 feet long, 19 feet wide, 11 feet deep, and at a recent trial attained a speed of 33½ miles per hour Now let some inventive Yankee construct something that will make Johny Bull feel jealous

THE President is fast losing his supporters, the last to withdraw is the self sycamore of the Wabash D W Voorhees, of Indiana, who has lately come out a full fledged free silver advocate. So Cleveland's friends, one after another, leave the consecrated silvocate of free trade When the end of his term comes in 1897 he can retire to his (St. Helena) Gray Gables, and there will be no one left to mourn his departure.

IT is difficult to detect any change in current business. Prospects for business after January 1 are quite generally considered more hopeful. In some branches there are larger orders, and the west bound shipments of merchandise are a little larger But the working force naturally diminishes near the end of the year, and the holiday traffic brings just a temporary activity which is not of much general significance. The meeting of Congress, and the announcement of the new currency plan and of various bills proposed, have not effected the situation perceptibly. Payments for bonds have been completed without disturbance, but do not prevent the shipment of some gold to Europe to day. On the whole, agricultural products are scarcely stronger, and wages of labor do not advance but there is reason to expect the employment of a somewhat larger working force after the holidays. —*Dun's.*

THE manner in which this $50,000,000 bond sale is conducted by the government reminds us of a couple of men on Pine Creek quite a number of years ago. One night after getting well boozed up at the Hotel Izaack Walton, they started with a two bushel bag to watch an eel rack. When they arrived at the place they found one eel had got in. One man holding the bag, the other took the eel and placed him in the bag, when quickly another one appeared in the rack, which was also put in the bag then another. When our venturesome night fishermen found they had struck a school of eels, all anxious to get to tide water They worked putting eels into the bag for several hours in their dazed condition, when the thought occured to them that the bag must be well nigh full and they had better take it ashore, and then they discovered that there was but one eel in the rack, and they had very nearly worn the skin off from the poor thing sliding it through the hole in the bag So with our Democratic financiers. The bankers buy bonds with gold and then draw the gold out of the treasury and buy more bonds. A striking similarity to the drunken fishermen of Pine Creek

Grover.—Col. Lamont, has the sentry been placed in the tower?

Col. Lamont.—No, your Excellency Grover.—Then attend to that duty at once, as I much fear me, owing to this gout and other difficulties that if some disgruntled office seeker should get into our castle we would be unable to escape having our august person assassined on account of our inability to run.

THE FOX AND THE EAGLE.

At Rondout, N Y., recently, Samuel Jones set a trap for a fox at the upper end of the old Frazier clearing, in Sanbury Settlement, and when he went to see if he had caught anything he found the trap was gone, notwithstanding it had been secured by a chain and a heavy staple driven into a log alongside.

The chain had been broken, and there was a rather plain trail in the dead leaves.

This trail Jones followed until he got to a small opening, about a dozen rods away, where on the moss lay his fox, dead, yet holding fast by the throat a dead eagle.

The eagle, in flying over the woods, had seen the outstretched fox and had swooped down upon it, but the fox, although entrapped by the trap, had managed a good fight, and had killed his antagonist while pinioning up his own.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10, 1894—The most striking thing of the first week of Congress has been the apparently concerted effort of the Democrats and mugwumps to stir up jealousy and bad feeling between the friends of those Republicans who are prominently mentioned as Presidential possibilities, by distorting their replies to questions and in some cases by actually putting words into their mouths which they never thought of using Representative Boutelle, of Maine, rightly calls this "an old trick of the Democracy to invent a phrase or catchword which they seek to make odious by iteration, and then to use it as a bugaboo with which to scare timid and feather brained Republicans." The trick consists in asking some unsuspicious Republican whether the party will re enact the McKinley tariff law, when it returns to power If he answers in substance that changed conditions may make some changes necessary, as most sensible men are apt to do, he will find his remarks distorted and published under a scare-head, 'McKinleyism is dead,' or something with a similar meaning The object is so plain that Republicans in Congress smile at the attempts, but this mention is made to put Republicans in your vicinity on their guard against accepting as true any interview purporting to have been held with any Republican Senator or Representative in which prediction is slightingly spoken of There have been no such interviews If there is a Republican in either the Senate or the House who is not a protectionist he is not known to the leaders of the party

Mr Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle have apparently captured the Democratic members of the House Committee on Banking and Currency Ten days ago Chairman Springer of that Committee publicly declared that it would be impossible for the Committee to agree upon any currency bill to day he says the committee will before the Holidays report a currency bill to the House and that it will be along the line proposed by Secretary Carlisle and endorsed by Mr Cleveland This week is to be devoted by the committee to hearings the list including Secretary Carlisle Controller Eckels and a number of bankers. Secretary Carlisle has at the request of the committee submitted a rough draft of the bill giving his ideas of what it ought to be in order to carry out his recommendations. Whether this bill can pass the House after it is reported will depend largely upon the attitude of Speaker Crisp who dominates the committee on Rules which must report an order limiting debate thereto. If it is to have any chance for getting through Mr Catchings of Miss is the only member of the committee on Rules who has publicly committed himself to the Carlisle-Cleveland plan

The caucus of Democratic Senators included a Currency bill in its directions to the steering committee to provide an order of business for the session but that is a long way from an indication that the Democratic Senators are ready to accept whatever currency bill the House may pass and send over Those who are disposed to believe that the Senate will pass a House currency bill without amendment should turn their memory back to the Wilson tariff bill for a few minutes. But even if the Democrats were willing to accept a House bill that would make no difference in the result. The decision not to change the Rules of the Senate leaves the decision as to what bills shall pass the Senate in the hands of the Republican Senators, who are not likely to favor hurried legislation on such an important question as the currency of the country. The other bills named by the Democratic caucus were those for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico Nicaragua Canal, Bankruptcy and the Indian Territory bill

The administration is pulling all the wires at its disposal to force the free ship bill through Congress. It would throttle another American industry shipbuilding It is claimed by the friends of the bill, who consist mostly of misguided Democrats and the paid Representatives of the English ship builders, that it will certainly be passed by the House at this session, but that claim is at best a very doubtful one If, however, the bill should get the support of the Committee on Rules, which it must have to get passed by the House, there is not the slightest possibility that it can get through the Senate. Just why Mr Cleveland and his administration should have lent themselves to the support of this bill is one of the many curious things which are difficult to understand, assuming them to be entitled to the honesty and patriotism they claim.

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SLANDERING THE VETERANS.

While Mr. Cleveland seems to have been generally lenient in his judgments in his message, he does not relent toward the pensioner In his last message he declared that "thousands of neighborhoods had their well-known fraudulent pensioners" Now he speaks of the "barefaced and extensive frauds exposed" by the bureau and goes on to assume that the veterans have declared that no purgation of the pension rolls is necessary, when as a matter of fact the organizations of veterans have expressed the desire time and again to render any assistance they can to detect the fraudulent pensioner

What about the bare faced and extensive frauds exposed" Let the return to the report of Commissioner Lochren and learn how extensive the frauds exposed frauds are On page 8 of the report it is stated in parenthesis that "there were 134 convictions for pension fraud in last year" which is so overwhelmingly more than the average in the Republican administrations That is an array of special examiners and other officials have been able to find sufficient evidence to punish but 134 of the 969 541 pensioners whose names were on the rolls June 30 1894, for fraud These are the extensive pension frauds exposed Three or four pension claim agents in different parts of the country have been found guilty of a violation of the pension laws but those men for the most part, did not even have veterans for dupes The truth is, the President, Boke Smith and Lochren are angry because an indignant people called for a halt to the indiscriminate dropping of pensioners which they had begun in May, 1893, and forced them to justify or restore the most of them to the rolls Many of the veterans see this last result of the President thousands who voted the Republican ticket this year for the first time will be thankful that they did and the limited number who did not will fall into the Republican line before 1896

The *Times* knows of but one notorious pension fraud in Indiana That was perpetrated by a Democratic Commissioner of Pensions after he and two Republican predecessors had refused to recognize upon the instance of a now evil-Democratic Congressman. In 1885 the name was dropped but was restored in spite of protests and once on the insistence of another Democrat. Representative The *Times* has given a history of the case and several times it has forced both the Commissioner the Congressman also the names of persons who believe that the pension which that person draws is fraudulently drawn and the honestly earned *Indianapolis Journal*

POLITICS

In winter as in the home fireside with a cozy chat and hour or two of reading are the best means to while away the time. The exercise will prevent an over abundance of fat stimulate digestion and prevent catching cold or other ailing. Always provide home with a warm breakfast Have an old kettle into which all scraps from the table and such material as will make brown soup Stock can be thickened and be thin with Mix this mass meeting it Still enough to feed easily warm and give every morning. Provide plenty water slightly warm twice a day Hens cannot lay freely if given new water

More turkeys should be raised by our farmers They are one of the most profitable as well as the least trouble some of the different kinds of poultry The best way to fatten them is by confining the turkeys small coops in a darkened room Two pounds of oat or wheat meal all the kitchen scraps and keep their troughs well filled with coarse buckwheat Don't neglect to keep their water dish well filled and in two or three weeks they will be in fine marketable condition

Take a leaves or stems ground up fine must not be allowed to mould where strong bacteria are developed. Sprinkle the leaves with lime as they are put in the pile and they will lay better because they are not moved by the vermin found among the dark Make a layer of leaves then one of straw then another of leaves and then straw The smell of lime does not annoy the hens and pigs if I can used without any fear on that score *Insects an Agriculturist*

Court Proceedings.

The December term of court opened Monday 2 p m, Hon T A Morrison presiding The attendence was small, as there were few cases of importance

In charging the grand jury judge Morrison spoke at length upon the prevalance of gambling in McKean county which he understood extended to all classes and even the church tar people He stated that the grand jury should, if they have any knowledge of any gambling report the same and act upon the matter James Frazer, of Keating is foreman of the grand jury

The court refused to grant additional allowance for counsel fees and alimony to Mrs. T N Ransmisll

Com vs Mrs Hackett who was accused of resisting an officer Jury brought in a verdict of not guilty and divided the costs equally between the defendant and Deputy Sheriff Davis

John Johnson, of Kane, accused of the remarkable escapade of breaking into the lock up on the last case called He is accused of smashing a prisoner to escape A man was arrested for drunkenness an incarcerated in the lockup The defendant broke into the outer room of the lockup and was found kneeling in front of the cell with a crowbar

Attorneys Crandall and John F Mullin, who were a hunt d on the last term of court, tried to judge Morrison refused to naturalize an applicant for citizenship because he had not read the constitution of the state of Pennsylvania

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In the divorce case of David C Walker vs Mary I Walker W F [illegible] was appointed commissioner to take testimony

Hall et al vs [illegible] Rule to show cause why sheriff should not pay money to plaintiff

A F Mellersh vs Alice I Meller petition in divorce C J Hallapper [illegible] commissioner to take testimony

Oscar W Hall vs Minnie E Hamm petition in divorce alias subpœna granted

Ella Cole vs Andrew K Cole petition in divorce subpœna awarded

Jennie Peoples vs George Peoples petition in divorce subpœna granted

Clara Wolf vs [illegible] petition in divorce by [illegible] of peace granted

J H Cowan vs Bridget Kane [illegible] Com appointed commissioner to take testimony

[illegible]

The grand jury returned the following

[illegible]

Com vs M M Wood [illegible] selling liquor without license [illegible] not guilty

[illegible] vs [illegible] Land Mercantile keeping a [illegible]

[illegible] vs W M Smith selling liquor [illegible]

[illegible] vs [illegible] assault and battery [illegible]

[illegible] vs [illegible] assault and battery [illegible]

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elegant lines of millinery goods for
holidays. The latest and latest novelties
trimmings for hats in velvets, silk and
a large assortment of feathers
trimmed sweeps and shapes. All
the newest shades. All
goods, hats, etc. A large assort-
of ribbons that will make the most
beautiful plush balls of any
Large settee pillows in
canvas, cushions, napkin towels.
Novelty of children's toys, dolls
miniature sets, glass ware,
to suit every thing to suit old
young and gay.

Grand Cloak Sale.

Just received at Lindholm & Co's, $800
worth of fine cloaks ever brought
Smethport. Come early and make
selections.

Special

Mrs. A. M. French who is located in
this block, has secured the services
first class dressmaker from one of
most fashionable shops in Bradford
assist her during the holidays. A
of work is solicited feeling assured
all who will favor her with the work
will be pleased with the work.

Strayed

Came to the premises of the undersigned
a black cow about five or six years
old. The owner will please come for
and prove property and pay charges
the cow will be disposed of according to
law. JOHN L. CLARK,
Mt. Alton, Pa.

Make your friend a present of a pair of
fine home baked shoes, any color, but
will make. At Ellsworth & Co., Shoe
Heathens Olean N. Y.

Smethport, Pa., Dec 14, 1894

LOCAL AND GENERAL

—Hose benefit Friday and Saturday nights.

—Mrs. J. W. Reilly has a new ad. in this issue.

—Rose & Williams Co. to-night and to-morrow night.

—Kane and Bradford were well represented during court.

About 150 pounds of nonpareil type for sale, at 20 cents per pound, at this office.

Rose & Williams play for the Smethport Hose Co. to-night and to-morrow night.

We regret very much to hear of the continued illness of Judge Johnson, of Bradford.

H. W. Rubin has a sock on exhibition at his store large enough for the foot of a mountain.

Elmer Heath has taken possession of the new and handsome shaving parlors on the side of the opera house.

J. G. Williams changes his advertisement in this week. See what cuts of meat he offers for 4, 5 and 7 cents.

Every farmer should secure the *American Agriculturist*. Only $3.00 at the MINER and *Agriculturist*.

Miss Eugenia Tracy, who has been suffering for the past week with a severe cold in, we are pleased to see, out again.

Read our advertising columns this week as there are complete changes in most of them. You will be sure to find something of interest.

Joseph Flint's daughter, Katie, of Little Polar, a little girl only three years old, had three of her toes cut off by her little brother last Saturday. The little girl stood the situation very bravely.

—Special train leaves for Bradford Saturday night at 5.45. Kinnear will be produced; a grand calcium and electrical display.

—J. C. Brenneman made a great kick on Tuesday night at the Baptist chicken pie supper, because they were not well supplied with vegetables—they having no turnips on the bill of fare.

—The McQuistion Concert Co., with a program embracing solos, duetts, trios and quartets, and instrumental selections on guitar banjo, banjeaurine and organ at the Baptist church next Tuesday night.

—Messrs. Boyle Butler, Perlin and Barbour all members of the press, paid a visit to St. Luke's church on Wednesday, but fortunately the was built of stone and no serious damage resulted to the building.

—Mrs. Jones the Kansas woman suffragist, shouts, "To arms, women to arms!" Why certainly.—*Chicago Dispatch*. O. K. Our fat contributor will be in the office from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m. Latch string always out.

—The chimes will be placed in St. Luke's church on Monday. On Friday the 21st of this month, Frank R. Staples will be here and the first public ringing of the sweet chimes will be heard in our beautiful town on that day.

—James McFarlan, of the St. Elmo, a Eldred, is a sprinter from way back. He will back himself to run against any heavy weight in the county from a hundred yards, no limit or favors asked. Here is a chance for our fat contributor.

—Andrew Jenter committed suicide at his home in Gilmor about 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning by shooting himself in the head. The top of his head was blown off. No cause is known for the deed. The deceased was 52 years of age and carried $1400 insurance.

—Atty's A. N. Crandall and John F. Mullin on Tuesday last buckled on the legal armor and made their maiden effort in a criminal court. And eye witnesses say that the case was admirably conducted. The MINER extends congratulations to the young gentlemen and hopes their future may be crowned with success.

—Our esteemed fellowman W. P. Walsh has purchased a building plot at Austin and is now engaged in erecting a suitable building for a plumbing establishment. Mr. Walsh has secured extensive contracts for laying gas pipes and mains in the town. Austin is to be congratulated on securing so experienced a man as Mr. Walsh.

—A glance at the letters posted in the postoffice should be sufficient inducement for all people whether business men or private citizens, to have their envelopes printed with a return card. If this rule was generally observed many a letter would be saved from the dead letter office, and printed envelopes are cheaper than the plain ones.—*Ex.*

—The New City Oil Co. will commence drilling a well on the George Irons land next Monday. This company is composed of five energetic Olean men and they seem to have considerable confidence in their undertaking. We sincerely hope they may meet with the success they deserve and that their efforts may be the means of developing a new oil field on this side of the mountain.

—Owing to the inclemency of the weather Hose shoes on the grounds of the Union Gun Club on Wednesday was not very largely attended but the sport was good for the few that did attend. Ali Pope the crack wing shot of Olean captured the honors in the live bird match, killing 14 out of 15. Mr. Hamm no. 11 some very fine shooting. Will Rhemade the best score in rifle shooting.—*Sardinia Censor*.

—Messrs. Brady & Corsaw, a new firm, have just opened a large and extensive book and stationary store in the new Olean hotel block. The new firm have a fine location and a very large and carefully selected stock. They appear in another column with an attractive advertisement. When in Olean do not fail to call on these accommodating gentlemen and examine their goods, and our word for it, you will be well pleased.

—The election result at Warren last week wherein P. C. Boyle of the Observer was the defendant resulted in a verdict of not guilty, but defendant pays costs. This verdict reminds us of Bob Jones, of Potter county, who was repeatedly arrested for cracking liquor without license. The verdict invariably was not guilty but defendant pay costs. Bill Jones would always chuckle and say "half guilty, be gad!"

—About a month ago a gentleman came to the house of James Oliver, on Newell creek in Annin township, and asked for a night's lodging which was granted. Two weeks ago, two of Mrs. Oliver's children lovely little girls, were taken sick with the diphtheria and last week both were buried. At last writing Mrs. Oliver and her sister are in very sick, but hopes are entertained of their recovery. The MINER extends sympathy to the unfortunate family in their sad bereavement.

—Last Friday and Saturday evenings the Rose-Wellington Co., supporting Miss Laura Alberta, gave two good entertainments at the opera house. The attendance was light, but those present were well satisfied with the performance. Miss Alberta is without doubt one of the best actresses ever seen here, and she is well supported by the company. Last night she completely captivated her audience. The Smethport Hose Co. engaged them for the last three nights of this week, and we hope the people will turn out not only on account of our boys but because they will be well entertained.

—Room No. 1, Smethport Schools, will give a reception to the patrons and friends on next week Friday, Dec. 21, in their room at 2 p. m. An hour's entertainment, consisting of patriotic songs, recitations, calisthenics, etc., will be rendered. The "American Flag Salute" will be given by the entire school. The parents, members of the board of education, the G. A. R., W. R. C. and all friends of education are specially invited to be present. Beside the entertainment by the children, several of our best singers will furnish songs. Those attending are cordially invited to inspect the work of the pupils in drawing and penmanship. Remember the day and time, Friday at 2 p. m.

—Last Monday evening Will McElwee went into Mrs. Valentine's restaurant, and while there he was asked by her son, Earl, to pay a bill which they claimed he was owing them, which resulted in some hard words being used. McElwee, in a few minutes, went behind the counter and struck Earl, knocking him down, and as he fell the assailant grabbed him and bit his ear in a terrible manner and might have deprived the young man of it entirely but for the timely interference of one of Mrs. Valentine's boarders. McElwee was arrested, but was afterwards allowed to settle the matter and was released. If the facts above stated could have been proven, the man-eater would have received a sentence in the penitentiary for a term of years.

—Some where between nine and ten o'clock Sunday night last, the fire bell rang out its terrible alarm in Coudersport, and in an instant the streets were thronged with people all anxiously inquiring where the fire was located. The fire was discovered to be near the upper end of West street, above the academy. The fire ladies responded nobly, and two streams of water were soon turned into the building. The building was saved but was quite badly burned inside. It was occupied by Douglass Seibert, but the family were not at home, Mrs. Seibert and the children being away on a visit and Mr. Seibert having left the house a little while before the fire was discovered in company with his brother. His household goods were all packed preparatory to moving, and were saved, but were some what injured by the hurried handling in getting them out of the building. The fire ladies of Coudersport are deserving of the highest compliments for the prompt manner in which they responded to the alarm and the energy they displayed in fighting the fire fiend.

—For the interest of our little friends we will say that the latest reports from Kris Kringle Sr. or Santa Claus, is that he is getting his reindeer and sledges in proper shape for his annual visit to the little folks in this section. In a little over two weeks he will be of form, with grizzly beard and long gray hair, may be seen quietly stealing into rooms in houses where good little boys and girls live, looking around to find the places where their little stockings are hung in order to fill them with the lovely Christmas presents he usually carries as a reward for their good behavior during the past year. Of course, having so many good children on his hands at one time he cannot carry a sufficient quantity in one load, so he has been for a long time establishing depots of supplies all over the entire world where he can replenish his stock when his sledges become empty. Our good little boys and girls can visit these depots and make their selections and send their requests to Santa Claus, and if he finds they have been exceedingly good during the year their requests will be granted, but if old Kris finds out that they have been bad boys and girls he will not give them anything from his wonderful store to use or toys. We hope that if any of our little friends have been behaving badly here-to-fore that from now on they will be real good in order that they may not find their stock of presents on Christmas morning so that all may be happy and have something to remember the beautiful day that brought a Saviour into the world to make us better.

—Last Saturday while in Olean we had the pleasure of making a brief tour of the new Olean House that will be opened for the reception of guests in a few days. This new hotel is a marvel in modern improvements. As you enter the large and commodious office, one cannot help but gaze in admiration at the convenience, neatness and elegance of all its appointments. The floor is laid in Mosaic of the finest workmanship. The office is furnished in fine wood of the latest styles and richly finished throughout. The room is well furnished but rather small. The closets are made of elegant marble and cannot be excelled even in the larger cities. The dining hall on the second floor is large airy and well lighted. At the rear is the kitchen, although rather small for such a large house yet it makes up for lack of space in everything being arranged with the latest modern improvements. There is no need of any cold meals being served. The sleeping rooms are a marvel of elegance and neatness, all finished in fine wood, a large portion of them arranged in suites, with bath rooms attached. The rooms on the upper, or fourth story will be all the attraction, owing to the extended and beautiful view to be had of the city and surrounding country. There are one hundred large and commodious sleeping apartments in the house. One of the latest improved elevators will convey the guests to their rooms. In fact it is a model hotel where no pains or money has been spared to make it one of the most comfortable homes for travelers in the country. The frontage on Union street is 170 feet and 140 feet in depth. Our time was very limited and consequently we cannot go into as lengthy a description as the house deserves. We congratulate Mr. Sartwell on having the management of such a convenient and model house and hope this new venture will be a decided success.

A Grand Time

Last Tuesday evening was the election of officers for the ensuing year in Smethport Hose Co., No. 1. The following were elected:

Foreman, Jas McGuire, 1st asst. Foreman Jno. Reilly, 2d asst. Foreman S. Rauser, Pres., T. F. Richmond, Vice Pres. Wm. McLannon, Sec. F. D. Gallup, Treas. M. L. Armstrong, Trustees, Kerns & Fry, H. Belyea.

The business had no more than been transacted when the company was taken completely by surprise by a party of ladies, accompanied by Rev. Halliwell as spokesman. After the usual friendly greetings Mr. Halliwell proceeded to address the company, stating the great interest the ladies always had for the Smethport Hose and ending by saying that they wanted to show their appreciation in a more substantial way therefore, on presenting them with $100.00 in cash. Mr. Gordon, on behalf of the company, cordially thanked the ladies, Pres. Richmond following with a few remarks. After this the whole party, headed by the ladies, proceeded to the Pierce House where a sumptuous "spread," prepared by the ladies, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Election of Officers

Crosby Tent No. 84, K. O. T. M. elected the following officers at their review held Dec. 8, 1894: Com. G. W. Lathrop, Lieut. Com. Amos Rose, Record Keeper, W. V. Proctor, Finance Keeper, F. B. Grantier, Chaplain, E. V. Barbour, Sergeant, John Bartlett, M. at A., L. F. Bartlett, 1st M. of G., J. G. Blacklock, 2d M. of G., John Reader, Sentinel, Chas. Adams, Picket, D. G. Hazen.

The order is in a flourishing condition at the present time in their comfortable quarters. The interior of the hall has been repainted, papered and celled, all of which we owe to the untiring efforts of Crosby Hive, No. 57, L. O. T. M., which is also in a flourishing condition. Although in the past year the Tent has had quite a struggle financially, as it has paid for disability and relief $153.50 for 1894, and $103.00 in 1893. It is still top of the heap. Much to our regret Sir Knight C. A. Pierce, of Gardeau, asked for a withdrawal card, which was granted for a withdrawal card, which was granted him against our will, as we could hardly afford to lose such an influential member as he has proven himself to be.

The following officers were elected for Crosby Hive, No. 57, L. O. T. M.: Com., Mrs. Nellie Berryman; Lieut. Com. Mrs. Wilcox; Record Keeper, Mrs. Sarah Provin; Finance Keeper, Mrs. Eliza Eldridge; Chaplain, Mrs. Mary Babcock; Sergeant, Mrs. Nettie Barron; Mistress at Arms, Mrs. Cora Bartlett; Sentinel, Mrs. Emma Reader; Picket, Mrs. Sarah Jones.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

Rheumatism is caused by uric acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes the acid, makes the blood pure, and cures rheumatism. Remember this when you are suffering from rheumatism, and take only Hood's Sarsaparilla, which has cured others, will cure you.

Hood's Pills cure sick headache.

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL NOTES.

We would deem it a favor if those interested in this place would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at this office.

Lewis Emery Jr., attended court this week.

Miss Nellie Backus is visiting friends in Bradford.

Mrs. J. W. Reilly went to Buffalo on Tuesday.

P. Newell of Bradford attended court this week.

Harry Hall, of Indiana, attended court this week.

L. Baxter of Clermont, was in town on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Cable of Bradford was over at the Central Monday.

A. Tillbridge, of Port Allegany, attended court this week.

County Auditor Rice of Eldred had business in town Tuesday.

Ex-Commissioner James Hughes attended court this week.

P. H. Frost was a forum visitor and ought to be drawn as a juror this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Forrest and children visited Buffalo last week.

Hon. W. J. Lewis, of Coudersport, had business in Buffalo on Monday.

Prothonotary Mitchell has been confined to the house for a few days.

Mrs. Edith Rose of Coudersport, visited Buffalo the early part of the week.

Fitch Kent Kane was circulating among his friends here on Tuesday.

Deputy Sheriff has been filling the position of clerk of the court during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mollen of Bradford were guests at the Central this week.

Mrs. J. B. Sprague left this morning for Meadville to attend the funeral of her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Hackett and daughter of Bradford, were guests at the Central Tuesday.

Atty's S. T. Nell of Warren, attended court being engaged in the Emery vs. Doyle case.

Hon. Willard White returned from Boston Monday night looking as though he had enjoyed his trip.

Miss F. B. Cutler of Eldred and S. W. Smith and C. W. Catlin of Port Allegany, attended court this week.

Miss Ida Shortt, daughter of H. H. Wright Shortt, of Warren, is visiting her sister Mrs. W. W. Bell on Water street.

Miss Anna Hall of Bradford, daughter of Rev. Abner Hall, formerly of this place is the guest of Mrs. L. I. Mellor.

Clarence Backer made a hurried trip to Olean Monday. He had something in his hand that looked like a lawn tennis racket.

John Gibbs, of Hebron was fortunate enough to draw a ticket out of the jury box and consequently will attend court this week.

Gus Mayo arrived home Monday for a few days visit with Deputy Sheriff Mayo. He reports an elegant board which is the envy of all his old class mates.

James Lane, of Gardeau, who was serving three months as a juror this week called at this office on Tuesday and favored us with a call.

J. C. Mallory the obliging jeweler of Mt. Jewett, greeted us on Tuesday with a pleasant call and helped swell our subscription list by a year's subscription.

E. H. Nash of Rew City was a pleasant caller at the MINER office Monday, and gave us proof of his continued friendship by planking down a year's subscription.

Mrs. M. Crossmire, of Kane, visited friends in town on Friday and also made the MINER office a pleasant call to commune with Mrs. Burg Chadwick and Miss Lena Wright.

Fred J. Sellers of Clermont was among our callers this week. He is the proprietor of the billiard parlors at that place. Before he left he added his name to the list of MINER readers.

The veteran R. E. Lemon of Kane was in town on Tuesday and tapped on our window pane, and was finally induced to come in. Before leaving he paid a year's subscription in advance.

Editor Royle and Mr. Perine, of the Olean *Herald* made us a very pleasant call on Tuesday last. We very much enjoyed their call and hope to get better acquainted with the distinguished gentlemen.

J. J. Anderson of Clermont made us an agreeable call on Monday. Mr. Anderson has been in the country only seven years but has made remarkable progress in learning the English language. He is now looking around for a home.

P. I. Webster, of Bradford, will spend the winter at Tarpon Springs, Fla., where he has secured the MINER to be sent. One hot shot we go with the gentlemen with the hope that he will have a most enjoyable time in the sunny south.

Editor Gould, of the Eldred *Eagle* returned home from New York on Monday morning, where he had been to meet Mrs. Gould who had just returned from a extended trip to Europe. Mrs. Gould stopped off at Emporium to visit friends.

Silas B. Coulston, of the Potter *Democrat* returned from his western trip last Monday. We failed to discover any serious marks upon his person showing the fearful experiences he had passed through as reported by some of the papers around home.

Charlie English, superintendent of Hamilton mound his attendees introducing the week. He presented a petition to have a county bridge built over the Kinzua at Dunkles. The grand jury acted favorably on the petition and Mr. English has great hopes of getting the bridge built.

Messrs. H. P. Barber of the *Star*, and Rauber, of the *Era* made the MINER office a visit on Tuesday. The gentlemen are both extensive travelers, and we very much enjoyed their visit and listening to them recite their experience in traveling the states of the union. Come again.

Our old friend E. O. Bristol of Westfield Pa. was a guest at the Central Thursday night. He was a former resident of this county during the booming days of oil excitement. He is now traveling on the road handling cigars, introducing the Agitator one of the best domestic cigars on the market.

C. H. Donahue of Mt. Alton was in town this week. Mr. Donahue has just completed another house at Oran to be a boarding house. The work has given complete satisfaction. We understand that Mr. Donahue is arranging to do some work here next summer. No better workman can be found than Charley and we are glad to note his growing popularity in this locality.

Arthur Thamm, a——— in this office, attended court in Olean over Sunday. He stayed up all night to catch the early train on Monday morning but owing to an interesting case that was up for discussion, he failed to make connection at the depot. However, by the appearance of the smile that beamed on his countenance when he arrived here at noon, he must have had a most enjoyable time.

Kind Words.

The MINER, published at Smethport, entered its second year under the present management with its last issue. It is one of the best county papers of this county which has had a reputation of being conducted with more than ordinary ability for a generation past, and we are glad to see it maintaining that character under that management. It is a party organ of the most pronounced character and is entitled to a generous support from its party adherents.—*Kane Republican*.

The MINER, of Smethport, has entered upon the second year under the present management, Messrs. Hood & Gilbert, who have succeeded in keeping it in the front rank of journalism. It is an out-and-out Republican paper and loyal at all times to its party.—*Kane Leader*.

Many thanks for the above compliments. We will in the future try to merit your kind regards, and may you both continue to run the same readable and clean papers in the future that you have in the past. A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you both.

Salt Rheum and Scald Head.

Craysville, Pa., Nov. 23, 1894.—Six years ago salt rheum broke out on my hands and at times was very troublesome. Scald head has always troubled me. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and the salt rheum and scald head are both entirely relieved. Mrs. M. Hilliard.

POST ALLEGANY.

Star Hose Company are making active preparation for their fair, which opens on the 12th inst., and will wind up with a dance at the opera house the evening of the 13th. Coudersport Orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion, and it is hoped that every one will attend and give our efficient Hose Co. a benefit which they are entitled to and will most surely appreciate.——Herald.

F. F. Dalrymple is repainting and remodelling the store building in Mill St. so long occupied by Thos. McDowell. A new front and other important changes made, making it one of the most desirable business places in town. Artist Richardson is doing the paint slinging which is of itself a guarantee that the work will be well done.

F. B. Dailey has moved the building which he recently purchased from Star Hose Co. to a vacant lot on Willow St. where it will be remodeled into a dwelling house. C. J. Thomas performed the work and moved the building along as easily as some men could trundle a wheelbarrow.

The school board have kindly granted the teachers and pupils of our graded school a vacation from Dec. 14 to Jan. 7. During this time the teachers will most of them visit their homes and the pupils will spend their time in a way only enjoyed by the young.

Our merchants are hustling nowadays getting their holiday goods in shape for the rush which is sure to come. Santa Claus has never been known to fail and even hard times don't seem to effect his wallet as Christmas draws near.

Thomas Chandler has raised his dwelling house on Main street eighteen inches above its former foundation thus placing it above high water mark. Contractor Thomas performed the work in a very creditable manner.

Prof. C. B. Kelley has leased the beautiful rooms over J. H. Williams drug store and will commence housekeeping with the new year.

T. B. Day is building a large sex house in rear of the M. V. Hall Dodge block which he will take possession of on January 1st, 1895.

Little Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Rose is quite ill with scarlet fever. Dr. J. V. Otto is in attendance.

T. O. Colhagan, of Buffalo was in Olean after his business interests in this place during the past week.

T. H. Rogers of Smethport was greeting old friends in this place the first of last week.

Attys's W. Smith and C. W. Catlin are attending County Court at Smethport this week.

C. S. King is remodeling his ice house, which is up to all the modern improvements.

Officers of the G. A. R.

The following officers of McKean Post, No. 117, G. A. R. were elected Thursday evening, Dec. 6 for the ensuing year:

Commander—I. Rogers.
S. V. Commander—J. Colegrove.
J. V. Commander—J. Vickery.
Quarter Master—B. F. Wright.
Surgeon—W. H. Curtis.
Chaplain—I. A. Morrison.
Officer of the Day—S. G. Bush.
Officer of the Guard—C. S. Sanford.
Trustees—H. M. Choate, H. T. Burdingame, S. G. Bush.
Delegate to Department Encampment—J. M. McBride.
Alternate—I. A. Morrison.

I. O. T. M. Attention

All members are requested to be present next Tuesday, as business of importance will be agreed business must be attended to.
A. GIFFORD, P. C.

The Pains of Rheumatism

As rheumatism is the best authorities, originate in a morbid condition of the blood it is at once caused by the decomposition of the gelatinous albuminous tissues associated with the blood and attacks the nitrous tissues particularly in the muscle and thus causes the local manifestations of the disease. The backs and shoulders are the parts usually affected by rheumatism and the joints of the knees, ankles hips and wrists are also sometimes attacked. Thousands of people have found in Hood's Sarsaparilla a positive and permanent cure for rheumatism. It has had remarkable success in curing the most severe cases. The secret of its success lies in the fact that it attacks at once the cause of the disease by neutralizing the lactic acid and purifying the blood, as well as strengthening every function of the body.

LITERARY NOTES.

One can hardly imagine a more suitable Christmas gift for an artist friend than the December number of the *Art Amateur*. As it lies now before us it seems indeed a treasury of art, both for the art student—to whom it is a necessity—and the general reader. On opening it we find two charming color plates—a study of a fan, a piece of costly paintings "A Summer Evening," by E. Sanchez-Perrier and "Purple and Gold" (Pansies) by Maud Stumm. Then there is a very large life study in chase oil printed on gray blue paper, and eight pages of Working Designs for China and Glass Painting, Embroidery, Wood Carving etc. Special attention is paid to the needs of those learning to become illustrators. Montague Marks, Publisher, 23 Union Square, New York.

Three Holiday Numbers.

The Illustrated Buffalo Express announces three Holiday Numbers for December 16th, 23d and 30th, respectively. The public has learned that *The Illustrated Express* never does a thing by halves, and it is unnecessary to assure our readers that what *The Express* undertakes in this line is sure to be the finest of its kind. Each issue will be of extra size, printed in colors. Several pages of the issue of December 16th will be devoted to "Child Life in Recent Art," with reproductions of juvenile life from modern masters. The issue of the 23d will be the Christmas number with a special first page by Zogbaum, and as a result of a competition in which 25 leading Buffalo artists were invited to enter, and the winning pictures in the Amateur Photographer's Contest. December 30th will be the New Year's number.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured

with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, price 75 cents.

Cure For Headache

As a remedy for all forms of headache Electric Bitters has proven to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In case of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cure by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Large bottles only fifty cents at F. B. Foster's and A. B. Armstrong's drug store.

List of Letters

Remaining in the postoffice at Smethport, Pa., for the week ending Dec. 8, 1894.

Grimm, Miss Lena (two)
Garman, Mr. Grant (two)

Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."
W. P. WALSH, Postmaster.

Prof. Barrat of St. Lawrence county, N. Y., speaking of pulmonary diseases, says: Not one death occurs now where twenty died before Down's Elixir was known. Over fifty years of constant success places Down's Elixir at the head of the long list of cough remedies.

Shedd's Little Mandrake Pills are entirely free from any of cutting oils or poisonous mineral salts so prevalent in most medicines.

The reason why Arnica & Oil Liniment is so popular with the ladies is because it not only is very healing and soothing but it's odor is not at all offensive.

Don't suffer with indigestion, use Baxter's Mandrake Bitters.

Strictly a Dry Goods Store

And the only one in Olean, that is strange to say, but it is true that H. W. MARCUS' store is the only one that is not trying to run out all other branches. I am in the Dry Goods, Cloak and Fur business and offer the public a stock of $50,000 worth of goods to select from. I don't want the earth only a share of your patronage.

Remember I am NOT running a clothing store, a furniture store, a book store, a picture store, a shoe store nor a toy store.

You can buy Dry Goods at MARCUS' for less money for good goods than you can buy at any of the so called dry goods stores in Olean.

Why not buy a Holiday present that is useful?

Special cut rings in Silks, Velvets, Henriettas, Cashmeres and Cravenettes. Elegant assortment of Merritts, Flannels and Skirts.

New fur Capes and Cloaks arriving every day.

A full assortment of Foster Kid Gloves, Silk Mitts, Silk and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, Sofa Pillows, Stamped Linens, Honiton Lace, Columbia Yarns and Ice Wool at

H. W. MARCUS

153 UNION STREET, OLEAN, N. Y.

CHINAWARE AND GLASSWARE FOR CHRISTMAS!

I desire to call your attention to my new line of goods recently purchased for the Holiday Trade, and as it is about time you were looking about for

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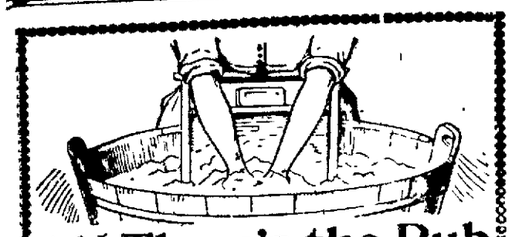

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HELD UP.

By ROBERT BARR.

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This is not my story, and I have really no business to write it. It belongs to the railway manager He ought to tell it but he won't. A railway manager will not admit in print that trains are ever "held up" on his road, whatever may happen on the opposition line. Thus it comes that I have to set down the story who should not. Besides I cannot write it down in such a way as to indicate the snap and go of the narrative told us by the railway manager for he was drunk at the time, and no sober man with a pen in his hand, can emulate the eloquence of a railway manager when the champagne flows Of course a sober railway manager would not tell an incident that might frighten traffic away from his road so you have to learn these things from them when

they are half seas over The story is strictly true since I heard it from the manager himself. I only do what a gentleman is supposed to do when he tells a story—I tell it to the public.

The railway runs through a wild part of North Carolina and Tennessee It has been more after the manner of a logging road than a railway for it has a picturesque line that takes it through the most astounding twists and curves. It is the most confusing railway to travel on and to read up the depots and towns in general in the book would be misleading, but like the rest of the story it gets to the right place.

The train pulled out of the station in good time and with a clear track all the way to the junction at which it was to meet the train from the north. Here it was to take on the express car containing the money and valuables, and then proceed on its journey to the south. The train was made up of a baggage car, a smoking car for the use of the train hands, and a passenger coach. The express car was the last on the train, and behind it was a caboose for the use of the conductor and brakemen. The train was not due to leave the junction for half an hour, so the passengers had ample time to get their supper at the eating house there.

The train was on the point of starting when the express messenger, who had been standing on the platform, suddenly ran back to the express car, and jumped on board. He was followed by a man who was evidently in a great hurry. This man, who proved to be a stranger to the express messenger, ran through the express car, and entered the baggage car, where he found the baggage master busily engaged in sorting out the various packages that were to be left at the different stations on the line. He was so much occupied with his work that he did not look up when the stranger entered, but continued to attend to his duties. The latter, after looking hastily around him, pulled out a revolver, and pointing it at the baggage master, said in a low but distinct voice:

"Throw up your hands, or I'll shoot you!"

The baggage master, who was a powerful man, and not at all afraid of revolvers, looked up, and seeing the weapon in the hand of the stranger, instantly complied with the request. Then the stranger said:

"Now, walk ahead of me into the express car, and if you make a move to give the alarm I'll shoot you dead."

The baggage master, who was unarmed, did as he was bidden, and the stranger followed him into the express car. Here he found the express messenger standing with his hands above his head, and looking into the muzzle of a revolver held by a second stranger.

"What's wrong?" cried the express messenger, as the baggage master entered with his hands above his head.

"Shut up!" said the stranger who had followed the baggage master out.

Everything's wrong. We're held up, that's what's wrong. Go back and tell the rest to conceal their valuables. I know what they're after. There's nearly $100,000 in gold on board. I'll go forward and parley with them as long as possible, so as to give you time. I imagine that if they break open the safe they'll be in a big hurry to get away and will leave the passengers alone. Still I don't know, so warn everybody."

There is no question but the manager was a brave man. He went briskly forward as if nothing particular was wrong and it was all a little mistake that could be explained away in a few words. As he walked the length of the train he made up his mind to sacrifice the $100 000 if by so doing he could prevent bloodshed and further robbery.

"What's the row here?" he cried cheerfully as he approached the gloomy group of mountaineers.

"Who are you, anyhow?" asked the man who was "covering" the express messenger.

"Who am I? I'm the manager of this railroad. What do you fellows mean by stopping one of my trains?"

The man lowered his rifle and looked at the manager.

"What's the matter with you?" added Tompkins.

"The matter's just this, Mr. Manager. You run the gol-dangdest railroad in all creation. That's what's the matter, an we ain't a-goin to stand it no longer. I don't mind your trainmen throwin coal at my dog, I don't mind 'em sassing my wife an makin fun of my clothes, but when it comes to monkeying with my whisky I'm dod gasted if I'm a goin to stand it."

The other mountaineers nodded their approval of these sentiments.

"Monkeying with your whisky? What d'you mean?" cried the bewildered manager

"I mean just what I say They can throw coal at my dog, they can sass my"—

"Yes, yes, but I don't understand about the whisky What have my men to do with your whisky?"

"Why, don't you know, and you manager of the road? Well moonshine whisky is all right enough ordinary days, but we allus has good old Kentucky for Christmas. Day before yesterday I gave your man in this here kyar a jug an $2 to bring me some prime Kentucky long through goes your train jug an whisky an all an never stops. Now, we ain't a goin to stand that from no road that ever tooted a whistle to start the steers. I said I'd bet my boots no at train'd stop, an she has. I don't allow no man to monkey with my likker. He kin sass my wife an chuck coal—"

"See here," said the manager to the expressman "did you take his $2?"

"Twan't me," said the messenger "Must have been Bill Simmons on No. 9 and she must have gone through with out stopping yesterday."

"Have you got it with you?" asked the manager with a sigh of relief.

"Fair fur less. Don't Christmas like a recurring moonshine this time of the year. Besides he's got my $2 an the jug."

"That will right," cried the manager "Have you a jug on the train?"

"Here some," said the mountaineer taking a jug from behind a log. They had been refreshing themselves while waiting for the train.

The manager grasped it by the handle turned it upside down and let the remainder of the moonshine gurgle out to the horror of the mountaineers. Then he started through the train shouting "Here you men with flasks! I want half y'our stock! Pour it in here and be glad to get rid so cheaply!"

Every man who had a bottle produced it, and before Tompkins had gone through two cars the jug was brimming full. He went back to the leader who now allowed the engineer and express man to hold down their hands.

Taste that," said Tompkins.

The mountaineer smacked his lips after sampling the contents. "That a good blend, he said with solemn mien.

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